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## THE COUNTY SOLONS

### Held Important Business Session Tuesday Morning

### MAY ESTABLISH POOR HOUSE

#### Committee Appointed to Investigate the Matter.

There was a business meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday, at which a number of important matters were disposed of.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Yeager, with Commissioners E. C. Smith, W. L. Moor and W. J. Johnson in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following accounts were examined, approved and ordered paid: warrants for the several amounts were drawn, signed and sealed by the clerk, and countersigned by the chairman in open board.

County poor ..... \$118 50  
C. A. Bryan, county auditor ..... 50 00  
Geo. W. Hale, janitor ..... 20 00  
Talla. Lumber Mfg. Co., armory ..... 30 00  
R. A. Whitfield, fees lunacy ..... 2 00  
E. M. Brevard, fees lunacy ..... 2 00  
D. M. Stoutamire, fee commission lunacy case ..... 1 00

L. A. Perkins, fee commission lunacy case ..... 1 00

R. A. Whitfield, fee commission lunacy case ..... 2 00

J. M. Carn, fee commission lunacy case ..... 2 00

J. B. Conner, fee commission lunacy case ..... 1 00

D. F. Gramling, fee commission lunacy case ..... 1 00

A. Stephens, rep. in assessor's and collector's office ..... 50

Capital City Light and Fuel Co., gas and coke ..... 3 50

Florida Times-Union & Citizen ..... 100 00

C. A. Bryan, recording rights of way deeds ..... 3 50

G. W. Hale, amount paid for wood ..... 3 50

C. A. Bryan, amount paid for county for right of way public road ..... 45 00

Sam Hartsfield, repairing bridge James Armstrong, repairing bridge Gamble mill ..... 1 00

B. Jordan, repairing bridge, Lake Bradford road ..... 2 25

D. M. Stoutamire, lumber, McKay & Symmes, typewriter ribbon ..... 4 50

Marshall Bruce Co., stationery for sheriff ..... 28 15

O. Chaires, justice fees ..... 1 80

Geo. F. Smithson, witness fees, circuit court ..... 1 00

Fla. State Reform School ..... 8 34

R. L. Collins, ink ..... 5 85

R. A. Whitfield, report licenses C. A. Bryan, listing 300 names in jury box ..... 4 50

J. A. Pearce, fees in lunacy case ..... 2 85

J. D. Perkins, commissions county treasurer ..... 119 61

W. E. Gray, measuring and posting road ..... 2 75

W. D. Stoutamire, hauling timber ..... 6 00

C. D. Johnson, hauling, etc., public road ..... 11 50

P. W. Smithson, cutting and removing tree from road ..... 1 00

R. A. Whitfield, county judge fees ..... 4 62

J. A. Pearce, sheriff fees ..... 21 20

J. A. Pearce, feeding prisoners ..... 46 40

R. A. Whitfield, witness fees county court ..... 6 00

E. B. Manning, lumber ..... 3 58

J. A. Pearce, sheriff fees ..... 3 85

O. Chaires, for jurors justice peace court ..... 3 00

S. M. Archer, stationery ..... 2 15

It was ordered that the medicine furnished Mr. Lawton during his last illness be paid by the board when bills are presented.

The commissioners discussed at considerable length the propriety of Leon county having an exhibit at the next State Fair. It was decided that if the people so desired, an appropriation would be made for the purpose of paying all the expenses necessary for making a suitable display. The amount rests entirely with the farmers. If they wish to have an exhibit, and will cultivate their farms with that purpose in view, a sufficient sum of money will be given by the commissioners to pay the expenses.

George W. Hale was unanimously appointed janitor for the court house for the term of one year from date.

The question of purchasing land and erecting suitable buildings for a county infirmary was given attention by the board. W. L. Moor, E. C. Smith and W. J. Johnson were appointed a committee to examine into the feasibility, and if found practicable, to examine and report upon the location, cost and attendant expenses of building and maintaining a "county poor" house.

W. L. Moor, E. C. Smith and W. D. Stoutamire were appointed a committee to examine the pauper list of the county to ascertain if there are not parties now receiving the benefit of this fund who are not entitled to it. Said committee to meet in the clerk's office on Monday, April 7th.

W. L. Moor, E. C. Smith and W. J. Johnson were appointed a committee to meet and confer with the Hon. B. E. McLin, commissioner of agriculture, to discuss the question of requesting the governor to offer a reward of the amount that would be due the county

from the lessee of the convicts from this county, one year each, for the capture of any escaped convict from a lessee whose contract with the State has expired.

It was ordered that Mr. C. T. Hancock, contractor, and G. W. Rhodes & Co., sub-contractors, for the county convicts, be notified by the clerk to appear at the next meeting of the board, to-wit: on Tuesday, the 6th day of May, 1902, to examine into the question of said leasing.

Fannie Barineau was by order of the board, allowed \$5 per month from the county poor fund, to commence from this date (April 1st).

Green Jordan was by order of the board, allowed the sum of \$2.50 per month from the county poor fund, to commence from this date (April 1st).

It was ordered that The Weekly Tallahassee, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Tallahassee, Leon county, be, and is hereby, selected as the newspaper to publish the delinquent tax lists for the year 1901.

### A HELPLESS CHILD.

A weak and puny child is badly handicapped in the battle of life. It is isolated from the healthy enjoyments of its little fellow beings. It cannot partake either of their play or their sturdy work and progress in the world; its whole life is embittered by incapacity and weakness.

Any woman who expects to become a mother ought to know that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will do both for her own health and safety during her time of trial and also to insure her in bequeathing a fair measure of health and strength to the prospective little one.

### CLAIMED THE WATCH.

Miss Horton, living about seven miles northeast of Tallahassee, came to the city yesterday on a shopping trip. While here she lost her watch, a ladies' double case gold watch, with a long chain. Mr. J. G. Baum, a young man living at Peck, found the watch. When Mr. Baum picked up the timepiece, a young negro, Windsor Pern, Jr., stepped up and said:

"Say, mister, that is my wife's watch. She just put it there to play a joke on somebody."

The young man handed the watch over to the negro, and walked off. He took the precaution, however, to report the occurrence to Chief of Police Braswell. About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Miss Horton reported her loss to the police. The chief at once went on a hunt for Pern, and recovered the watch. Miss Horton refused to prosecute the negro.

### DREADFUL ATTACK OF WHOOPING COUGH.

Mrs. Ellen Harrison, of 300 Park ave., Kansas City, Mo., writes as follows: "Our two children had severe attack of whooping cough, one of them in paroxysm of coughing would often faint and bleed at the nose. We tried everything we heard of without getting relief. We then called in our family doctor who prescribed Foley's Honey and Tar. With the very first dose they began to improve and we feel that it has saved their lives." Refuse substitutes.

### MRS. MALONE DEAD.

Mrs. Malone, wife of Judge Malone, died Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at her home in Quincy, from meningitis, after only a short illness. Two surgical operations had been performed on the sufferer, to no avail. Judge Malone was presiding over the Jefferson county circuit court at Apalachicola when the serious condition of his wife was telegraphed him. He immediately started for Quincy, but arrived too late, as Mrs. Malone had already passed into the great beyond.

The deceased leaves a husband, one son and three daughters, besides a host of relatives and friends, to mourn her loss. The bereaved family has the sympathy of everybody in this judicial district.

### SHOT IN HIS LEFT LEG.

For all kinds of sores, burns, bruises, or other wounds, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a sure cure. Skin diseases yield to it at once. Never fails in cases of piles. Cooling and healing. None genuine but DeWitt's. Beware of counterfeits. "I suffered for many years from a sore caused by a gun shot wound in my left leg," says A. S. Fuller, English, Ind. "It would not heal and gave me much trouble. I used all kinds of remedies to no purpose until I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A few boxes completely cured me."

### THE MARKETS.

The telegraphic market quotations yesterday were:

Long cotton, 21 to 23 cents.  
Short cotton, 7 3/4 to 8 1/4 cents.  
Flour, \$4.15 to \$4.85.  
Meal, sack, \$1.65 to \$1.80.  
Corn, 80 to 83 cents per bushel.  
Rice, 3 1/4 to 6 cents per pound.  
Rough rice, 75c to \$1 per bushel.  
Oats, 58 to 62 cents per bushel.  
Hay, 85 to \$1 per 100.  
Bacon, 8 1/2 to 10 1/2 cents per pound.  
Hams, 8 1/2 to 12 cents per pound.  
Lard, 10 1/2 to 10 3/4 cents per pound.  
Syrup, 25 to 27 1/2 cents per gallon.  
Honey, strained, 50c per gallon.  
Eggs, 14 to 16 cents per dozen.  
Butter, 24 1/2 to 30 cents per pound.

### THE THRUST OF A LANCE

is scarcely more agonizing than the recurrent pains in the abdomen which follow the eating of improper food or too free indulgence in ice-water. The immediate cause of cramps and colic is often the distention of the bowels by gas. Quick relief follows the use of Perry Davis' Painkiller. Careful housekeepers give it the place of honor in the family medicine chest.

## NEW CORPORATIONS

### The Bowen Georgia and Florida Lumber Co.

### CHARTERS ISSUED LATELY

#### Companies that Will Do Business in This State.

The J. E. T. Bowen Georgia and Florida Lumber Company, with headquarters in Jacksonville, has been granted a charter by the governor.

The general nature of the business to be transacted is the buying, selling and manufacturing of lumber. The company will carry on all business pertaining to said manufacture, build, own and operate tram roads and do a general merchandise business.

The capital stock is \$50,000, divided into five hundred shares of the par value of \$100 each. The incorporators are James E. T. Bowen, Frances J. Pons and John M. Des Rochers.

The Indian River and Lake Worth Fish Company has also been granted a charter. The principal place of business is at Fort Pierce, in Brevard county. The object of the corporation is to buy, sell and deal in fish, oysters, game, poultry, meats and produce, both wholesale and retail. The company has a capital stock of \$20,000, divided into two hundred shares of \$100 each, ten per cent. of which has already been paid in. The incorporators are: A. M. Sample and Robert R. Gladwin, of Fort Pierce; James W. Rosetter, West Palm Beach; W. Frank Sample and D. Harry Sample, of Sebastian. Each of the incorporators subscribe for \$4,000 worth of stock.

### NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, la grippe, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

### THE TAX BOOKS.

Treasury Department, State of Florida, Comptroller's Office, Tallahassee, March, 25, 1902.

Mr. W. A. Demilly, Tax Collector County of Leon:

Dear Sir:—In view of the fact that the law requires the tax books to close on the first Monday in April, please kindly let me have report of March collections on taxes promptly at the close of the month. Very truly yours,

A. C. CROOM, Comptroller.

The above order leaves the Tax Collector no discretion in the matter. The books must close on above date.

W. A. DEMILLY, Tax Collector.

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## Attention Farmers!

Capt. Rose, State Chemist, and a member of the State Fair Association, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners at their last meeting and asked them to say definitely whether or not they would appropriate \$250—or any other sum—for the purpose of making an exhibit at the next State Fair. The matter was discussed pro and con, and the Board finally determined that they were willing to make the appropriation if the people of the county want it, and upon the condition that the tillers of the soil—and others—will interest themselves in preparing something to send to the Fair.

In this connection, The Tallahassee is requested to ask the people of the county to write Capt. C. A. Bryan, clerk, at once, giving expression to their views as to whether or not they want the appropriation made. And if they want it made, what article, or articles, they will prepare for exhibition at the fair, and how much of each article or articles. In this way they

hope to be prepared at the next meeting to act intelligently upon the matter.

This is a question in which every citizen of the county is vitally interested one way or another. We think the appropriation should be made. Leon county cannot afford not to be represented. She is the banner county of the State from an agricultural standpoint—capable of making the very best agricultural exhibit—and her best interests demand that the outside world be acquainted with the fact on all occasions. Besides, we, as the capital county of the State, have a prestige that must be maintained. We, therefore, desire to go on record as in favor of the appropriation.

By all means, gentlemen of Leon, write Capt. Bryan at once (some time before next meeting of the Board, any way) giving your views. And be particular, also, if you favor the fair, to state what articles you will prepare for the county exhibit.

### Most Popular Young Lady IN TALLAHASSEE.

I vote for—

Cut coupon out and return to this office directed to "Coupon Contest Editor Tallahassee, Tallahassee, Fla." The successful contestant will be given a handsome gold watch, now on exhibition at Sweeting's Jewelry Store. It is no cheap watch, but one of the best. Call at Sweeting's and see it.

## FLORIDA STATE FAIR

### Thinks it Would be a Good Thing for Tallahassee

### WE SHOULD HAVE EXHIBIT

#### Farmers Advised to Work With that Object in View.

"The people of Tallahassee and Leon county have an opportunity to secure the State fair," remarked a prominent merchant to The Tallahassee recently. "Whether or not they will take advantage of the chance remains to be seen. I, for one, am in favor of getting it here. But there are too many people who are afraid to spend a little money."

"Many love to spend money when they can be assured of at least one hundred per cent. every thirty days. Otherwise they are not going to invest, for fear somebody else might be benefited. From a pecuniary standpoint, I believe that it would be a paying investment to have the State fair held here. It has been estimated that at least \$12,000 will be required to make it a success. What if it does? It will be money well spent."

"Even though more than this sum be spent it will not be thrown away. On the contrary, it is more than likely that the receipts from admissions and privileges will more than pay expenses. Suppose the citizens organize a stock company for the purpose of holding a State fair. With a capital stock of \$12,000 and shares at \$25 each it would not take long to raise the amount."

"I would like to see somebody take hold of the matter, and if possible push it to a successful termination. Failing in this, Leon county should, by all means, have an exhibit at the next State fair, no matter where it is held."

"In my opinion," that the county commissioners could be induced to make an appropriation for an exhibit, proving the people want it, and the farmers will go to work and raise something with which to make a suitable display."

Leon county in the State has soil that is more productive than Leon county's. So far as productivity is concerned, this is the banner county of the State, and we should have an exhibit to show it. Large herds of Jersey cows can be found on our pastures, and our farmers have prize winning sheep and while the land yields abundantly to the touch of the plow and hoe."

"With all these advantages, the farmers should make up their minds to be represented at the next fair. It will advertise their products and increase the value of their farms. All they want to do is to go to work and make the necessary preparations. Secure the best seed possible, cultivate their lands properly, and when the time comes select the best fruits of their labor to place on exhibition at the fair."

"When they do this, I am confident that the county commissioners will meet them half way by making an appropriation to assist in getting up an

exhibit that will be a credit to old Leon. Just look around and see the prosperous farmers in Leon county! They ought to have enough pride to push the matter along, and I think they will do it this year."

"While speaking on this line, I wish to congratulate The Tallahassee for its generous offer of prizes for the largest watermelon and cantaloupe to be left at its office this year. The prizes ought to create a very wholesome rivalry among the farmers, and probably will. Just keep stirring the matter up as you have in the past, and you will get them interested after a while. The Tallahassee has been doing a good work for Tallahassee and Leon county, and is, in my opinion, the best paper in the State."

### THE PEONAGE CASES.

Heard Before U. S. Court of Appeals at New Orleans.

A dispatch from New Orleans on Wednesday says that a case of more than ordinary interest was argued in the United States court of appeals in this city. It was the application for habeas corpus in behalf of Joseph Thomas, Ben. W. Douglass and R. W. Lewis, owners of turpentine works in Florida, praying to be released from the custody of the United States marshal at Pensacola, who is holding them in custody for alleged violation of the United States statutes forbidding "peonage," or involuntary servitude for debt.

Hon. John Eagan, United States district attorney, received an answer from Acting Attorney General Hoyt, saying substantially that in reference to the practice prevailing in turpentine business to hold laborers in a State of involuntary servitude, your course in instituting proceedings for the arrest and prosecution of the guilty parties is fully approved, and you should pursue proceedings with promptness and vigor. Section 5,526, revised statutes applies, and at all events it is the duty of the United States authorities to test the question and to enforce the law, if applicable. Where the persons held are aliens, the act will apply."

The three men now applying for habeas corpus were indicted for conspiracy to return to a condition of peonage certain persons by compelling them to return to work. The accused are trying to obtain their release.

The case was argued yesterday by Attorney Tunison, of Pensacola, Fla., for the relators; Judge John Eagan, United States district attorney for the State of Florida, and Judge W. W. Howe, United States district attorney for the eastern district of Louisiana, representing the government officials.

The matter was taken under advisement by the court.

### CHRONIC BRONCHITIS CURED.

"For ten years I had chronic bronchitis so bad that at times I could not speak above a whisper," writes Mr. Speck Coffman, of Montmorency, Ind. "I tried all remedies available, but with no success. Fortunately my employer suggested that I try Foley's Honey and Tar. Its effect was almost miraculous, and I am now cured of the disease. On my recommendation many people have used Foley's Honey and Tar and always with satisfaction."

### THE LEHR-WILLIAMS CO.

The Lehr-Williams Comedy Co. has been holding down the boards at the opera house all this week. Good crowds have greeted the performances every night, and the company has made a hit. The play Monday night is pronounced by all who saw it "the best ever seen in Tallahassee."

There are a number of histrionic stars in the Lehr-Williams Company. The repertoire embraces some of the most popular plays before the American public, and the specialties introduced between the acts are really good.

On Wednesday night Mr. Williams, the leading man, was taken suddenly ill during the second act of "The Wild Rose," and a substitute had to be put on to finish the play. Aside from this, theater-goers have been highly pleased with the character of the plays, as well as the acting.

The play for tonight will be "Mixed Pickles," and it is full of laugh-provoking incidents from start to finish.

### LITTLE JEWELS.

Every mother that has a child has a jewel more precious to her and worth more than the King of England's collection of diamonds, etc. Pity the little one that is rapidly losing its health because its mother does not know it has worms, and that a 25 cent bottle of Mother's Worm Syrup will expel them quickly.

### COUPON CONTEST.

Up to going to press the standing of the candidates was as follows:

Miss Pearl McCord ..... 983  
Miss Octavia Lavender ..... 845  
Miss Bessie Chandler ..... 183  
Miss Florence Lewis ..... 157  
Miss Fannie Shutan ..... 137  
Miss Bershe Meginniss ..... 93  
Miss Mamie Andrews ..... 43  
Miss Gussie Chittenden ..... 42  
Miss Nellie Costa ..... 27

### A CHATTANOOGA DRUGGIST'S STATEMENT.

Robt. J. Mill, proprietor of the Read House Drug Store, of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes: "There is more merit in Foley's Honey and Tar than in any other cough syrup. The calls for it multiply wonderfully and we sell more of it than all other cough syrups combined."

Prof. H. E. Bierly's botany class visited Commissioner Hodge's place yesterday for the purpose of inspecting his fine collection of cacti and other rare plants from all parts of the world. This is a very interesting collection, and the members of the class were greatly benefited by the visit.

## THE R.R. COMMISSION

### First Annual Report for Year Ending February 28

### RAILROAD EARNINGS

#### Seems to be in a Flourishing Condition.

The Florida Railroad Commission completed its fifth annual report, covering the year ending February 28, 1901. The purpose of the Commission is to adjust complaints in regard to rates made against the various railroads for business in the State.

A brief review of the report shows that Florida railroads are in a prosperous condition. On this subject the report says:

"During the past year there has been a great activity along all lines of business coming under the supervision of the Commission. It has been a period of common prosperity for practically all transportation companies. The increase in net earnings from operation of the railroads reporting for the year ending June 30, 1901, over the year ending June 30, 1900, was \$347,000, or 18.11 per cent."

A prominent feature of the report is the large amount of statistical information concerning the condition and operations of the railroads in Florida during the year. The statistical tables are much more complete and exhaustive than those which it was practicable for the Commission to prepare for preceding reports.

The total mileage for all the roads is divided by classes, as follows: Main track, 2,774.35 miles; branches and spurs, 403.19 miles; yard track and sidings, 288.91 miles; total mileage, 3,466.45 miles.

The value of all the roads in Florida is as follows: Capital stock, \$35,328,176; bonds, \$35,001,472.88; aggregate, \$70,329,649.06. General averages per mile of road: Capital stock, \$11,673.36; bonds, \$11,566.23; aggregate, \$23,239.59.

The total gross earnings from operation of Florida railroads during the year ended February 28, 1901, were: Passenger revenue, \$2,416,881.11; mail revenue, \$34,849.31; express revenue, \$430,681.12; extra baggage, storage etc., \$21,032.98; total passenger earnings, \$3,003,450.52; miscellaneous earnings, \$80,749.38; total gross earnings from operation, \$3,084,200.90. This is an increase of \$2,016,465.56, or 28.13 per cent, over the gross earnings of the same roads for the preceding twelve months.

Under the head of Operating Expenses, the report exhibits the totals for the same roads under four heads, as follows: Maintenance of ways and structures, \$1,780,815.33; maintenance of equipment, \$1,245,029.68; conducting transportation, \$3,521,028.85; general expense, \$368,422.46; total operating expense, \$6,915,296.32. This is an increase of \$8,224.70, or 31.79 per cent., over the total operating expenses of the same roads for the preceding twelve months. The general average of percentage of operating expenses to gross earnings was 75.33 per cent. For the preceding year it was 73.24 per cent.

Taking the roads as a whole the average earnings per mile of road were as follows: Freight earnings, \$1,816.74; passenger train earnings, \$1,040.09; total earnings from all sources, \$2,856.83; operating expenses, \$2,245.31; net earnings from operation, \$735.52. Gross earnings increased \$654.39 per mile, while operating expenses were increased \$541.62 per mile, comparisons being made between the reports submitted for the years ending, respectively, June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901.

Mention is made of the railroads now under course of construction in the State, and a recommendation is made for legislation to require all railroads and express companies doing business in Florida to establish and maintain general offices in this State.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Quite a large number of people from this city and the surrounding neighborhood assembled at the residence of Mr. Eastman (on the St. Augustine road, 3 miles east) last night. The nature of the affair was a birthday party given by Mr. and Mrs. Eastman to their son, Bert, who resides near them. It was made a surprise party, and as he was concerned.

There had been arranged a highly interesting and entertaining program which furnished amusement until about 10:30, when a collation such as is seldom seen was spread. There were three and a half long tables full, but the spread was sufficient for twice as many more.

### MORE NOTARIES PUBLIC.

There is no falling off in the number of applications for appointment as notary public. During the past week the governor has appointed the following for the State at large:

A. Morrison, Island Grove.  
J. Mather, Miami.  
C. J. Cobb, Jr., McMillan.  
John P. Hill, Seffner.  
Thomas Pebley, Pensacola.